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(SBU) On July 3, poloff delivered reftel points urging recognition of Kosovo's independence to MFA Europe Department, Central and Eastern Europe Division Chief Ta Minh. Minh said he would take note of U.S. views on Kosovo's independence and report them to the MFA's leadership. He mentioned that both the GVN's UN Permanent Representative and MFA spokesman had recently stated the GVN position on Kosovo "in favor of dialogue between the concerned parties, with the support of the international community." Minh also said UNSCR 1244 was "in line with the principle of respect for national sovereignty" as embodied in international law and the UN Charter. Minh added that the GVN highly values the UN's role in dispute resolution "with its aim of reaching solutions that benefit all parties."

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